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## EUROPE IS OUR BEST CUSTOMER

Two-thirds of Our Exports and Supplies Half the Imports.

Washington, D. C., March 22.—Europe takes two-thirds of the exports of the United States and supplies practically one-half of the imports. This statement is made in a single sentence of the facts which have been developed by a series of discussions of the trade of the United States with the countries of Europe recently prepared by the department of commerce and labor through its bureau of statistics. These discussions have included an analysis of the trade of each country of Europe by principal articles, and when summarized show that Europe takes more than one-half of the exports of the United States, while the other parts of the world take less than a half billion dollars.

In no year since 1899 has the value of exports to Europe fallen below one billion dollars, while that to other countries has never touched the billion dollar mark. In 1900 the exports to Europe were valued at \$1,049,000,000, and have since that time averaged about \$1,050,000,000 per annum. In 1900 the exports to all other parts of the world other than Europe were valued at \$354,000,000 in value, but have in year by year until 1905 they averaged \$498,000,000, the growth since 1900 in exports to the non-European countries having been proportionately greater than that to Europe.

## COMPLAINT AGAINST KURDS.

American Schools Plundered and Burned by Fanatics.

London.—A complaint from the office of the American school at Van, in northern Turkey, against the treatment by the Turkish officials and the Kurds, has been received by the American board of commissioners for foreign missions. The school officials state that notwithstanding the ostensible friendship of a governor general, a man of great strength, the school has been plundered and burned by the Kurds. The presence of Turkish officials and soldiers. Fruit trees have been cut down and breadstuffs purchased by American missionaries have been held in the Turkish government for more than four months.

## SHOWS NO MERCY.

General Crushing Revolution With Iron Hand.

Bukhara, Trans-Caucasia.—The manner in which General Alikhanoff crushed the revolution in the government in Kutch by razing towns, executing ring leaders of the movement and driving sympathizers into the mountains has produced a resentment that acts of terror and the throwing of bombs at the troops are frequent. General Alikhanoff has proclaimed and is enforcing martial law with terrible vigor and solutionaries or other persons fighting with arms are immediately shot.

## Workmen All Voted.

St. Petersburg.—The workmen in the St. Petersburg factories and mills Sunday elected delegates to the assembly which will choose representatives to the municipal congress. The congress will be composed of representatives of all classes and will elect members to the national assembly. The election passed off quietly, even those at Putloff, where the men are regarded as among the most radical, and practically all the workmen participated.

## Tragedy at Dinner.

Kansas City, Mo.—Mrs. Ida Donelson, while entertaining a party of friends at dinner, became enraged at a remark of E. C. Harris, a painter, one of the guests, and shot and killed him. Harris had made a remark about Mrs. Donelson to which C. R. Higgins, the woman's nephew, took exception. The men quarreled. Higgins and his wife finally went for a policeman and while they were gone Mrs. Donelson killed Harris. No one witnessed the shooting.

## DEATH AND DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY SNOWSLIDE

Twenty-two Men Buried Beneath a Slide Which Struck Colorado Mining Camp—But Nine Escaped.

Silverton, Colo.—Twelve miners employed at the Shenandoah mine were caught by a great snowslide early Monday morning and swept to their death.

According to a report received from Howardsville, the men were killed by a snowslide which struck the boarding house at the mine when they were at dinner. It is reported twenty-one men were caught in the slide and that nine dug their way out more or less injured.

The Shenandoah mine is located in the east slope of King Solomon mountain, in Cunningham gulch, nine miles north from Silverton. The mine employed about seventy-five men and is one of the largest in the San Juan country.

The financial loss by the destruction on Saturday of the Green Mountain mill and the Silver Lake tramway line is estimated at \$250,000. On Sunday another slide came down on the Green Mountain property and swept away the boarding house. The men had all come down.

A cottage near the Old Hundred mine was also carried away, but no damage to the mill was sustained, although fears are entertained as to its safety, as it is in a dangerous position. The employees were dismissed Saturday.

## FRANCE WILL NOT RECEDE.

Casa Blanca Must Not be Placed Under International Command.

Paris.—Officials here say that France's position is absolute and final against placing Casa Blanca under international command. It is maintained that this is not a question of detail, but one that involves the entire Franco-German controversy over internationalization of the police. Among the changes at the various capitals, officials declare, another vote will show that France is supported by Great Britain, Spain, Portugal and Russia, with Austria doubtful and Italy and the United States abstaining. Austria's doubt is due to Vienna's wavering in the support she has heretofore given to Germany. The current opinion in official circles is that Germany intends to recede from her position.

## ENGINES SNOWED UNDER.

No Trains Have Arrived at Alamosa For Seven Days.

Alamosa, Colo.—Not since the terrible snowslide and blockade of the winter of 1884, when the Denver & Rio Grande branch road between Alamosa and Durango was impassable for four weeks, has there been such trouble experienced in this region as at present. No trains have arrived from Durango for seven days, and every available man is being taken to the large snowslides on Cumbres Hill. Six dead engines are snowed in between this place and Durango, also one of the big rotary snow plows. A rotary snow plow has been sent from Salida, pushed by three engines.

Thick Crust of Snow Covers the Range in Colorado.

Sterling, Colo.—Snow in the range averages about twelve inches in depth and is solidly packed, owing to the partial thaw of Friday. Cattle drifted with the storm and are scattered over many miles of territory. For this reason it is difficult to determine the exact loss, but cattlemen are agreed that unless an immediate thaw takes place, enabling the stock to reach grass, the losses will run high.

## Murdered in Bed.

Pottsville, Pa.—Mrs. John Morrison was shot and killed as she lay in bed Monday by one of three masked burglars. Morrison and his wife were awakened by the burglars, two of whom compelled the husband to precede them to the first floor and deliver a purse from a sideboard. The third burglar remained in the room with Mrs. Morrison to prevent her giving an alarm. It is believed she recognized the robber and he shot her to prevent a disclosure of his identity.

## Shonts Ready to Step Out.

Washington.—Reports have been current for some time past to the effect that Mr. Shonts was about to resign from his position as chairman of the isthmian canal commission. Mr. Shonts is badly broken in health, as the result, it is said, of overwork, and his nervous system has suffered particularly. An attack of boils has been followed by grip, and finally Secretary Taft, at the instance of Mr. Shonts' physician, peremptorily ordered him to take a rest for two weeks.

## TRAINS COLLIDE MANY KILLED

Horrible Disaster on the Rio Grande Near Pueblo, Colorado.

Tragedy Caused by Failure of Operator to Deliver an Order Which Changed the Meeting Place of the Trains.

Pueblo, Colo.—In a blinding storm which made it almost impossible for the trainmen to see ahead, two trains collided head-on at a point midway between Portland and Adobe, twenty-five miles west of Pueblo, at 2:20 o'clock Friday morning. Immediately following the collision several of the wrecked cars burst into flames and were consumed, a number of passengers being burned to death. Over thirty others were injured, but of these it is not thought any were fatally hurt. The cause of the wreck is attributed to the failure of an employee of the road to deliver an order, which changed the meeting place of the two trains.

Conservative estimates on the total loss of life place the number of dead at thirty-five. Rio Grande officials insist that the exact number of persons on the two trains cannot be ascertained; that it is impossible.

P. F. Lively, night operator at Swallows, whose alleged failure to deliver orders to train No. 16 is supposed to have been the cause of the wreck, has been employed by the road for many years. He was relieved from duty and will be suspended until the matter is thoroughly investigated by the officials.

Both trains were running at the usual speed, the deep snow and high wind making it necessary to exercise exceptional care. Suddenly both headlights flashed out from the darkness, and it was realized for the first time that something was wrong. According to the story of Fireman J. H. Smith of the westbound train, Engineer Walter Coslett opened the emergency brake and the train was checked for an instant, but the slippery rails and the momentum of the heavy train carried it on.

Immediately after the collision a sheet of fire ran through the cars on both sides of the engines, and in a twinkling the crackling sound of breaking timbers started the men to action. In the forward coach of the westbound train every seat was occupied by passengers, most of whom were home-seekers on their way to the northwest. A number of foreigners were among them and in their terror they gave up life without making any attempt to reach safety outside the burning car. Paralyzed with fear and with prayers upon their lips, they sank to the floor of the car and were roasted alive. The cooler ones in the car, seeing their danger, rushed for the windows and doors, and with the aid of the passengers in the rear of the train and those members of the train crew who were unhurt, managed to reach the open air. Many of them were injured more or less seriously by the rough handling they received or from flying glass and timbers.

## DAMAGE BY SLIDES.

Snow Thundering Down Mountain Sides in Colorado.

Denver, Colo.—Ouray, Durango, Silverton, Leadville, Aspen and other smaller mining camps have been visited with snowslides during the past few days.

Hairbreadth escapes from the snow which thunders down the steep sides of the mountains are reported from every mining camp, and grave fears are entertained for scores of daring prospectors and miners who are cut off from the outside world in their lonely cabins far up in the hills.

One slide at Silverton struck the edge of the town, doing considerable damage. The railroads in the San Juan region are blocked. The South Park road is blocked by a slide near Leadville. The mines around Crested Butte are completely cut off from transportation.

## HOPE IS NOT ABANDONED.

Symptoms of Agreement at Algiciras Said to Be More Favorable.

Algiciras.—Postponement of the plenary conference on Moroccan reforms until March 20 arouses among the delegates hopes that Germany and France meanwhile will reach a basis of accord. The symptoms of agreement were more favorable Friday when the representatives of neutral nations energetically endeavored to influence mutual concessions.

## WOMEN MEET DEATH IN A LODGING HOUSE FIRE

Were in a Veritable Trap, Without Stairways, and Cut Off From Escape by an Iron Door.

Kansas City, Mo.—Miss Agnes Inman, a corset maker, who came here three months ago from St. Louis, was burned to death and five other women were overcome by smoke in a fire in the annex of the Altman building at Eighteenth and Walnut streets in this city. Most of the tenants of the building are professional women and many of them sleep in their offices. Miss Inman was sleeping on the fourth floor and she was dead when the firemen found her. The other five women were taken down on ladders by the firemen from the fifth floor. They were all revived. The part of the building in which the fire occurred is without stairways and was shut off from the main structure by an iron door.

## HEART-RENDING SCENES

Survivors Tell of Horrible Sight Following Wrecking of Train.

Pueblo, Colo.—Conservative estimates on the loss of life as the result of the collision of the two passenger trains on the Denver & Rio Grande railway twenty-five miles west of here, place the number of dead at thirty-six. Seventeen charred, mangled and utterly unrecognizable bodies lie in the Pueblo morgue, two others are in the morgue at Florence, several other persons are known to be dead, and possibly a score of bodies were burned to ashes.

There was not a single entire body recovered from the wreckage, with the exception of the engine man, who, although horribly mangled, had not been reached by the swift flames which swept through the wrecked cars.

Only seven of the dead can be identified and only one these corpses retains sufficient of the outline of the features to be readily recognizable. Two telegraph operators are held in the public mind to be responsible for the awful disaster, although no formal indictment has gone out against them. Both have been ordered discharged from the service of the road. A coroner's jury has been empaneled and will investigate the cause of the accident.

It develops that R. G. Whitney, who was being escorted to the penitentiary by Deputy Sheriff Ed. E. Baird, had been chained to his seat and when the fire broke out in the wreckage he had no chance whatever to escape. By the hand of fate his guard perished with him.

The laws of Colorado have a provision making it a crime to fasten prisoners in transportation to car seats.

A heart-rending story of mother love and wretched self sacrifice is told by Conductor Kroeger, who had charge of the Pullmans on the west-bound train.

"I saw one mother," he said, "with a little babe in her arms. She knew that it was almost an impossibility to be saved herself, but her only thought was of her child. One hand was pinioned down under the debris, but her head and the other arm was free.

"She was trying to keep her head from the flames and, with her free hand, was holding the infant as high in the air as she could. Just as we were about to reach her she gave a gasp and fell back into the flames with the babe."

At a meeting of the priests at Kazan, Russia, application to recommend the sale of church lands to the peasants was seriously considered. The author of the resolution argued that it was not Christianlike for the church to retain immense stretches of uncultivated soil while the peasants were starving for want of land.

## YOUNG WOMAN KIDNAPED.

Desperadoes Drop the Young Lady When Pursued by a Posse.

Tucson, Ariz.—A special to the Citizen from Morenci states that Saturday night at a ball, given by the Azarites, a prominent social organization, three masked men entered the ball room and kidnaped a young lady, "shooting up" the dance hall. When pursued by a posse the desperadoes dropped the young lady and escaped into the hills.

Foreman Carried Down to Death by Avalanche of Snow.

Denver, Colo.—At Silverton a slide demolished the Green Mountain mill, recently installed at a cost of \$200,000, the assay office, engine room and a portion of the tramway. D. F. Hickey, mill foreman, was carried away by the slide and his body has not been found. All efforts to reopen the road to Silverton have been abandoned and it may be a month before the road is cleared.

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